

REMARKS

This is in response to a telephone call from Examiner Bochna of January 30, 2006. Submitted herewith is a further amendment to Claim 1 at line 19 to now define the cone-shaped surfaces at both ends of each fitting. Such is considered to define further structure and function from the prior art including that cited and applied by the Examiner.

Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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